

POW Love Story



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Joseph Rose III and his bride Donna were married in army hospital chapel

Wedding Delayed 6 Years

Valley Forge, Pa.

A returned prisoner of war, free only a week, yesterday married the high school sweetheart he proposed to nearly six years ago.

"It certainly took a long time," said Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Rose III, 26, Morgantown, W. Va., after his marriage to Donna Steele in an Army hospital chapel.

Rose proposed to Donna, also 26,

the day before he left for Vietnam. He was captured Feb. 8, 1968, when his helicopter crashed en route to Da Nang.

Rose, suffering from malaria and slight malnutrition, arrived at the Valley Forge General Hospital last Thursday, and Donna was waiting with his parents.

"It only took us a couple of days to decide to do it," Rose said.

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